

REMARKS

Claims 3, 14 and 21 have been cancelled. Thus, Claims 1-2, 4-13, 15-20 and 22-26 are currently pending in the present application, of which Claims 1, 13 and 20 have been amended.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-2, 4-8, 10-11, 13, 18, 20 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over *Hartsell, Jr.* (US 6,169,938). Applicant respectfully traverses such rejection insofar as it might apply to the claims as amended herein.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of Claims 3, 10, 14-16, 21-22 and 25-26. Because the contents of Claims 3, 14 and 22 have been incorporated within Claims 1, 13 and 21, respectively, the § 102 rejection is believed to be overcome.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-2, 4-13, 15-20 and 22-26 are currently pending in the present application. For the reasons stated above, Applicants believe that independent Claims 1, 13 and 20 along with their respective dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

No fee or extension of time is believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any fee or extension of time is required for the prosecution of this application, please charge it against Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P., Deposit Account No. **50-0259**.

Respectfully submitted,



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